

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

Academic Year 2016-2017

Autumn Semester : September 1st 2016 to January 13th 2017

Holidays: October 19th to November 3rd 2016 // December 17th to January 3rd 2017

Spring Semester: January 16th to end of May or end of June (First Year BTS and DMA students have to do a 5-7 week internship at the end of the academic year. Second year BTS students end their classes mid-May, and then take their written and oral exams up until the end of June).

Holidays: February 4th to February 20th 2017// April 1st to April 18th 2017

We'd rather have international students during the autumn semester than the spring semester.

Orientation

An orientation day for new foreign exchange students is arranged at the beginning of each semester.

Deadline for applications

May 10th: Autumn Semester and the whole year

November 10th: Spring Semester

Applications

Applicants must send:

- A portfolio (Paper or CD)
- A cover letter in French (if possible)
- A letter of reference (in French or English)
- A CV
- A photo
- A copy of their passport or ID card
- A transcript of recent academic records
- The application form filled out available to download on our website: <http://www.ecole-boulle.org/page/international>

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Decisions will be sent up to 4 weeks after the deadline.

Fees

Students applying through a partner university do not have to pay any additional fees. For other students, the price of a semester is 1300 euros for European students and 1600 euros for non-European students.

Course language

All courses are taught in French.

Students who wish to come to Ecole Boulle must have a fair level of French (B2 equivalent)

Ecole Boulle offers a weekly 2 hour French lesson for all foreign exchange students.

Courses

Courses are organised on a full-time weekly schedule. The study programme is organized by the school; students are not at will to choose their own schedule.

The Grading System

Ecole Boule uses both the French and the ECTS grading system.

The French Grading system spans between 1 and 20. All marks above 9 are considered a pass and therefore a validation for ECTS points.

ECTS

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) refers to the standard study attainment and performance of higher education students. 30 credits are awarded to each completed semester, and 60 for a complete school year.

General information

Visas

Applicants from the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Monaco or Andorra do not need a visa to study in France.

Students coming from other countries need to apply for a student visa. Visas are issued by the French Consulate in your home country. It is recommended to apply for a visa on reception of the acceptance letter as in some countries this procedure takes time.

Social security & health insurance

You must have social security cover if you intend to stay in France for more than three months. For more information and to check your situation please visit <http://www.lmde.com/etudiants-etrangers/foreign-students.html>

Housing

Students attending Ecole Boule are responsible for finding their own accommodation. You may have difficulties finding short-term accommodation. Here are some helpful links and ideas for finding somewhere to stay:

Advertisements for rooms, studio apartments and other lodgings for students:

www.crous-paris.fr/BddLogement.asp?idcat=AADCB

French Youth Hostels

www.fuaj.org (auberges de jeunesse de France)

Classified advertisements, mainly in French http://www.leboncoin.fr/locations/offres/ile_de_france/?f=a&th=1

Don't forget that in order to rent a room or flat you may be asked for a third party guarantor, 1 month's deposit in advance and a certificate of insurance if you're not renting a room from a homeowner.

La cité internationale universitaire de Paris : <http://www.ciup.fr/maisons/houses-admission/>